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50 TOP VILLAS IN INDIA

Your new vacation destination is a gorgeous villa in the middle of nowhere, on the edge of cliffs, on the banks of a river, by the beach, in the heart of a cardamom plantation. India's incredibly diverse landscapes are now dotted with architectural masterpieces, quaint cottages, centuries-old lovingly restored bungalows, and state-of-the-art structures. They are private, yet spare no creature comforts, with menus to rival the best 5-star restaurants. Luxurious spaces that spill into emerald green gardens, with mist that winds through verandahs, halls that echo with the sound of waves, and midnight feasts under starlight—welcome to the 50 top villas in India, just a click away on MakeMyTrip, Airbnb, Saffronstays, Isprava, Vista Rooms, Booking.com and more.

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 Number of rooms |  Pet-friendly |  Wheelchair-accessible |  Swimming pool |  WiFi

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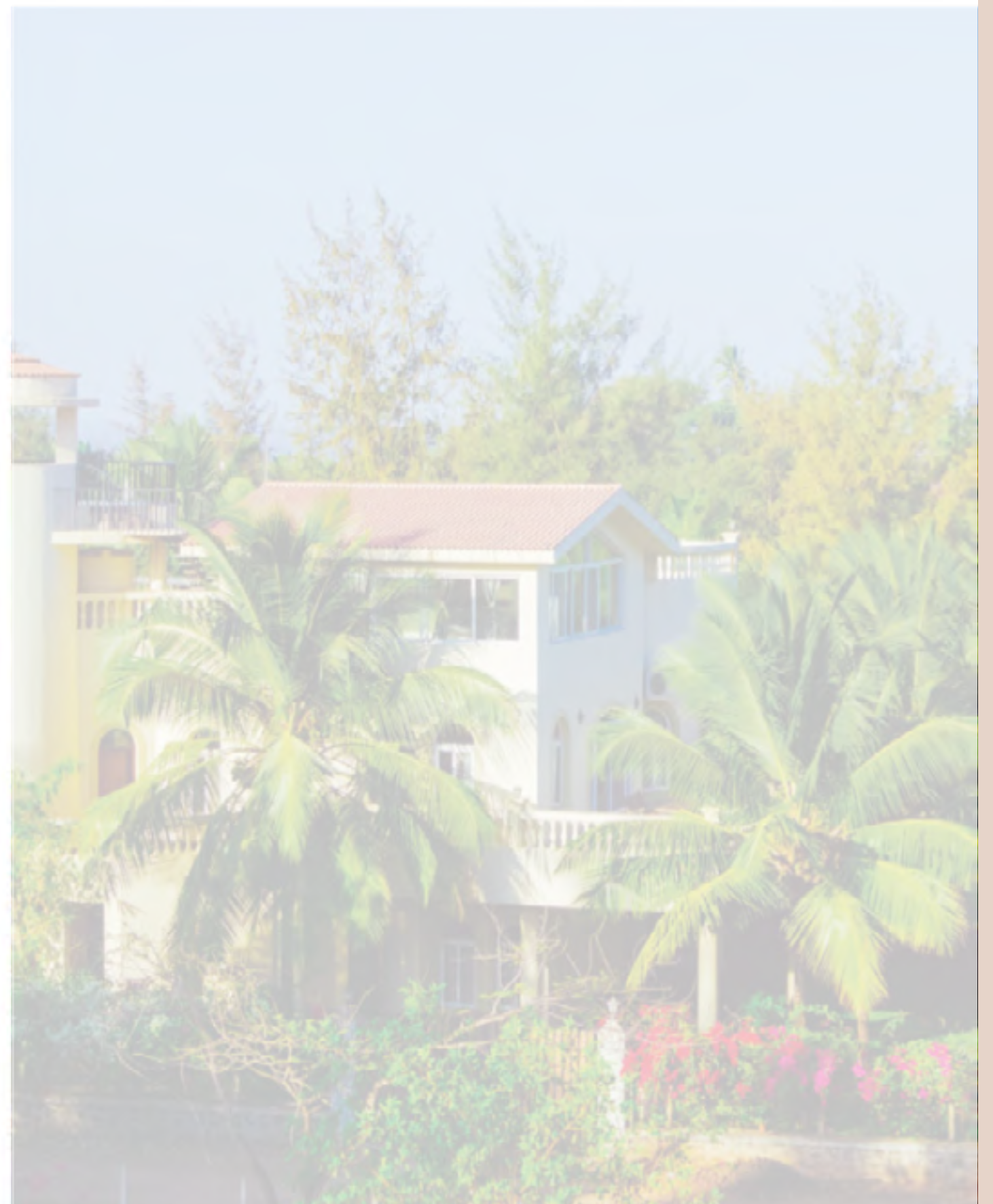
Villa Amorzito



Casa Rivière



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VILLA AMORZITO, DONA PAULA GOA

A stay at Villa Amorzito is all about perfect sunsets on a terrace surrounded by greens, and lazy afternoons drifting in a pool. This villa in the sleepy village of Dona Paula, on the outskirts of Panaji, has been designed for a large family to stay together across two properties (one with 4 bedrooms and another with 6). The 24-hour concierge service keeps your cocktails going and the casinos outside beckon as the sun sets. Mornings can be spent on Goa's dreamy beaches that are mere minutes away. Or exploring the state's rich history—century-old forts and churches sitting alongside art galleries and museums—all of which are a short drive away. —RS

La Maison's French menu elegant desserts, with souffles light. The villa is in the heart of country and most of the walking cross tea plantations leading to w points. —AR
book via their website; ₹6,600 night
(with prior approval) | ♿ No | 📶 Yes, but mobile signal is patchy

LA CASA MAESTRO, KASHID

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A 10-minute walk from the serene beach, La Casa Maestro's airy and bright interiors will fill you with positive vibes. The Spanish style with arches and a three-level villa has a double-bedroom and large bay windows. The villa comes with attached terraces overlooking a lush, landscaped garden with a 180° view of the sea. Vintage furniture and art from all over the world are scattered throughout.

bedroom is a separate living space with its own unique features and look. The décor is a mashup of traditional Indian detailing inspired by the royals, antique touches and influences from Bali. Relaxation is the main aim, with yoga, massage therapies, board games and table tennis on offer. Otherwise, a walk through the garden landscaped with ponds, fountains and statues offers rejuvenation. There's a choice between two chefs preparing meals with locally sourced ingredients or cooking yourself. Ishavilas is also close enough to the major attractions in North Goa for those seeking outside experiences. —Joanna Lobo
ishavilas.com; book via their website; price on request
🏠 7 (In 2021, only 4 bedrooms and the big swimming pool is open for up to 12 guests) | 🐾 Yes | ♿ No | 📶 Yes | 📶 Yes

Part of a larger villa complex, Constellations Aquila is a modern three-level space that blends into the Khandala landscape with its flat structure and clean straight lines. The décor is minimalist with massive French windows overlooking the pool and surrounding greenery. It's the perfect place for a fam-jam weekend with more than enough space for kids to run around and play. The villa is fully serviced and comes

touch, white alcohol and outside dining is not allowed, the lip-smacking Malabar in-house cook Pramila more than makes up for it—ask for her specialty pitla bhat and crab. —PJ
La Casa Maestro, Revdanda-Muru Road, Kashid, Maharashtra; book via Saffronstays; price on request
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VILLA ALENTEHO, ASSAGAO GOA

A powder-pink villa in the heart of Assagao, Goa, offers families a chance to enjoy life in the buzzing tourist hub. The design aesthetic relies on vintage curios, graphic tiles, botanical prints and pastel tones. The villa has a pool with an attached shaded gazebo, and al-fresco dining. Guests can cook their own food, or request for a chef. The major tourist hotspots in north Goa—restaurants, beaches and towns—are a short drive away. A concierge service can arrange curated trips, and experiences. Beyond the pool, guests can unwind by the terrace bar with a sundowner and local seafood. —JL



ISHAVILAS, SIOLIM GOA

Tucked away in a corner of Siolim, Goa, Ishavilas is a sprawling property offering an escape from the outside world. Each bedroom is a separate living space with its own unique features and look. The décor is a mashup of traditional Indian detailing inspired by the royals, antique touches and influences from Bali. Relaxation is the main aim, with yoga, massage therapies, board games and table tennis on offer. Otherwise, a walk through the garden landscaped with ponds, fountains and statues offers rejuvenation. There's a choice between two chefs preparing meals with locally sourced ingredients or cooking yourself. Ishavilas is also close enough to the major attractions in North Goa for those seeking outside experiences. —Joanna Lobo

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LA MAISON

Benoit Siolim in the 1970s is a romance-fulfilled acre estate offering an adventure. The cheerful villa is an original conversion to a time-

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Located just 100m from Lake Naukuchiatal, La Belle Vie offers an unbeatable vantage point as well as easy access to outdoor activities like boating, paragliding and treks. The villa is split in two levels and the interiors are beautifully done up by its owner who has upcycled many elements and added sustainable value to every space. A three-man team looks after all your needs and cooks delicious meals. —Shikha Tripathi
W-2/203, Thapiliya Mehra Gaon, Naukuchiatal, Uttarakhand; book via Airbnb; ₹20,000 for the entire villa
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Siolim, Goa, is a property offering a world. Each villa is a part of Maison Twenty Six, Puducherry; Casa Riviere in Karjat; Kashid



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**VILLA BEIRA MAR, ALIBAUG
MAHARASHTRA**

Located on the Kihim beach front, Villa Beira Mar is a spot to slow down and enjoy the good life. Spread across an acre, this villa includes numerous terraces and bedrooms that open towards the sea. The large living area with its tasteful cane furniture is great for reading, working or entertaining guests. Balconies with plantation chairs overlook gardens dotted with frangipani trees. The pool is one of the property's highlights offering views of the ocean and an adjoining gazebo is ideal for a post-swim drink or laidback meal. The resident cook can whip up local specialities as well as Continental and Asian dishes. —Anubhuti Krishna





The pool at Villa Branco, Goa is located in a rectangular courtyard with beautifully designed screens leading inside the house



VILLA BRANCO, VAGATOR GOA

Bathed in shades of white, Villa Branco is done up to reflect an European and Indian regal aesthetic, with arched doorways, louvered doors, carved screens, and bespoke flooring. The 9,000-sqft structure has bedrooms with walk-in closets, a study, private pool and gazebo to lounge in as well as a huge well-tended garden. Guests can use the fully stocked kitchen or request for a chef. Its location in Vagator makes it easily accessible to north Goa's tourist hotspots. A concierge team can guide with excursions for those seeking to explore the state. —*JL*

LA VILLA PUDUCHERRY

Once known as Notre Dame de la Garde, this 19th-century bungalow has been transformed by architect duo Tina Trigala and Yves Lesprit with an adaptive reuse-of-heritage approach. The original walls

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BY VESCAPES,

From trees, this luxe villa is 100sqft and overlooks a swathe of paddy fields. Sprawling suites with private decks, unique bathrooms and views of the garden, pool and the neighbouring village make it the perfect place to unwind with your gang. Three in-house chefs and a bartender are on hand to create an à la carte dining and wine experience. The villa has

a pool and hot tub, a private entertainment lounge and a wet bar. The poolside turns into a live music zone at night, with crafted cocktails, and candlelight barbecues. —*JL*

vescapes.com; book via their website, MakeMyTrip and Booking.com; price on request

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MAISON TWENTY SIX PUDUCHERRY

This 120-year-old garden house has won the prestigious Viellies Maisons Françaises (VMF) award for French architectural heritage and is the town's first private luxury villa. The Belgian tiles imported from Vietnam and the Indo-Chinese bedroom embellished with shades of Shanghai red reveal the story of the original owner, a Franco-Tamil merchant who made his fortune in Vietnam. Pondicherry's vibrant F&B scene and culinary traditions (including Tamil Creole) come calling to the villa, courtesy the on-site chefs, while their list of activities includes everything from diving to surfing. —*AR*

luxunlock.com; book via their website; ₹35,000 for the entire villa

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**VILLA MAGNOLIA, ALIBAUG
MAHARASHTRA**

The entrance to Villa Magnolia with its grand stone Ganesha sets the vibe of the home. Vintage accents, a traditional Indian swing, solid wood diwans, and plantation-style chairs lend the space a distinct look. The house is surrounded by swaying palms, bright bougainvillea, and fragrant frangipani trees. Each of the five bedrooms come with elegant four-poster beds and plush bathrooms. The rooms open into the garden while the verandahs with views of the surrounding hills make for great sundowner spots. A lovely outdoor pool hugs the porch and is perfect for a leisurely swim. —AK

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**GREYSTONE MANOR, ALIBAUG MAHARASHTRA**

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Kanchwala Bangle, behind B.N. High School, Alibaug, Maharashtra; book via Isprava, 168163 for the whole villa
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VILLA SHASHWAT, ALIBAUG MAHARASHTRA

A home of understated elegance, Villa Shashwat stands amid sprawling gardens of bamboo, flower and fruit trees. Designed on the lines of English country homes, the villa uses stone flooring and red brick walls to create colour contrasts and channel a warm vibe. Living and dining spaces at the villa stand out for their eclectic decor elements and the clever layout ensures that the outdoors seamlessly blends with living spaces. Open air showers, swings in shady verandahs, and a pool hidden amid trees with a gorgeous gazebo make Villa Shashwat the perfect tropical refuge. The property comes with a resident cook and offers gourmet vegetarian meals. In terms of onsite entertainment, there are ample indoor and outdoor games including mini golf, a pool table, a netted cricket pitch and basket ball court. —AK

culture and pristine trails, Sikkim offers many reasons to visit. And why stay in a hotel when you can make this boutique, all-suite villa your base. Commanding surreal views of the mighty Kanchenjunga, thanks to its location atop a quiet hill in the city of Gangtok, Sikkim, this property's biggest draw is its terrace garden. Rustic Italian design blends with contemporary accents—think, local wooden flooring, chic country pieces, cosy throws, exposed brick walls, and other elements that are a nod to Sikkimese architecture. When you're not lazing around in one of the many nooks and corners, enjoy the crisp mountain air by heading out for a hike. Or pick one of the biking trails. There may not be a pool here for you to soak in but there are majestic mountain peaks that you can view right from your backyard. The villa can help organise adventure treks, mountain biking experiences, day trips to nearby villages or visits to the local monasteries. —AD

sikkimvillasosca.com; book via their website and Booking.com; ₹8,800 per room and ₹27,100 for two bedrooms

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VIOLET HILL BY VISTA ROOMS, MASHOBRA HIMACHAL PRADESH

This spacious villa is set amidst apple, pear and cherry orchards and a cedar forest and offers unrestricted views of Himalayan peaks. The villa is constructed of stone, wood and mud with numerous verandahs offering perfect views. There are modern amenities including a dedicated TV room and a great collection of DVDs. A cosy sunroom with a well-stocked library in the middle of an orchard offers a great spot to get away from it all. The best thing to do at Violet Hill is slow down, but if you are so inclined, there are also lovely treks, the most stunning one to the Shali Temple on Shali Peak. —RSM

Mashobra, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh; book via Vista Rooms; ₹26,000 for the entire villa

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CASA RIVIERE, KARJAT MAHARASHTRA

With large light-filled rooms looking out at the Matheran hills and wide stretches of green around the house, Casa Riviere feels like a tonic for the spirit. While the interiors are beautiful, it's the outdoors that keeps drawing you—the pool, walking and jogging tracks, horse riding, tennis and badminton courts, and the viewing deck over the lake—for a cuppa at sundown or yoga at the crack of dawn. Casa Riviere is rejuvenating and life-affirming, and the only danger is that you might never want to leave. —RS

a jogging track through the hills, a little dairy and poultry farm, an Ayurvedic spa, a swimming pool and gazebo and large lawn—Springhills Villa & Ayurvedic Spa spoils you for choice. Sumptuous meals are whipped up by the three in-house chefs. Expect everything from Northeastern to Continental and local Kerala-style dishes. Fort Kochi with its art galleries and restaurants is a short drive away. —RS

Chalakudi, Vellikulangara Road, Mechira, Cochin, Kerala; book via Vista Rooms and Booking.com; ₹20,000 for the entire villa

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NORMANDY HOUSE, DEHRADUN UTTARAKHAND

Lush litchi orchards, sprawling gardens and a French chateau-style property that dates back to the 1800s—the colonial-style Normandy House, located on the outskirts of Dehradun, Uttarakhand, offers a memorable getaway steeped in history. The villa's décor is a blend of French and British design elements with wooden accents, vintage furniture, mosaic tiles, clawfoot bathtubs, armoires and four-poster beds. Make the most of the four sprawling gardens, each with a different French name, where you can take a leisurely stroll and spot plenty of butterflies. A club house located on the grounds ensures the kids are occupied with a variety of indoor games. The staff here ensures the privacy of all guests and are always at hand for your needs. They can set up a barbecue or bonfire for chilly evenings,



ingredients and dishes for your preferences. Whether you're looking for a picnic or simply enjoying the estate's nature trails, there's a viewpoint from where you can watch the sunsets. —AD

Dehradun, Uttarakhand; book via Vista Rooms and Booking.com; ₹41,000 for the entire villa

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THE HOUSE AT BOURGAINVILLE, MUMBAI

one of the most beautiful in the city in terms of its ethos and design. The idea was to create a home with a community focus. The house was built off by planting over 300 trees on a plot of land. This has, over the years, replaced its current green space. The house was built with

yellow stone from the area and plenty of local help and inputs. Besides the gorgeous infinity pool, it's the shelves heaving with books that grab your attention reflecting a range of interests and built over years of collecting. A cheerfully blue tiled kitchen invites guests to cook their own meals. There are frogs and birds for company as well as Skylar, the young dog who is a complete treat to be around. —RS

Bhonang Village, Alibaug, Maharashtra; book via Airbnb; ₹24,500 for the entire villa

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Clockwise from top: the pool at Hampton's Twilight in Goa; tea with a view at Teanest, Coonoor; the elegant four-poster beds at Bougainville, Mumbai